

## S 1561

### Open America's Waters Act of 2017

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1561>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Sep 28, 2017
Sen. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Jun 7, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 13, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Jul 13, 2017)

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This bill eliminates restrictions on coastwise trade under the Jones Act, which governs domestic transportation of merchandise or passengers by vessels.

The bill directs the U.S. Coast Guard to issue regulations that require all vessels permitted to engage in coastwise trade to meet all appropriate safety and security requirements.

## Actions Timeline

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